



THE S'KLALLAM VIEW



The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

Helping bring you the monthly news from your S'Klallam community.

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Taking Back the Rez...

The S'Klallam community prepares to battle the resurgence of Heroin

On December 2, 2010 over 150 Tribal and community members, tribal and school employees gathered to learn and discuss the resurgence of heroin in our area.

The informative evening began with a welcome from our Chairman about the importance of coming together around the drug issues. He spoke about Tribal efforts to strengthen laws and policies and encouraged community members to do their part to help take back our rez from substance abuse and drug dealing.

Kelly Baze gave a presentation about interviews she conducted with community members who have used heroin and know a lot about the drug scene in Little Boston and surrounding areas.

Highlighting the facts included what it smells and looks like and where our people report getting it from. Sadly, the sources are just minutes from our homes in the Kingston and Hansville areas. Truth Griffeth, the Tribe's new Wellness Program manager, gave a presentation about the effects of heroin

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Foundation News

Denise Comstock, PGS Foundation Executive Director

During the second half of 2010, several very competitive grant applications were awarded to support tribal programs. These were:

Department of Justice Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Planning Grant (\$150,000)>>>

This grant award will enable the Tribe to determine what type of correctional facility would best meet the needs of the Tribe. A consultant will be secured to complete a feasibility study.

SAMSHA Drug Free Communities Grant (\$125,000/year for Five Years)>>>

This highly competitive grant will fund \$125,000 per year for a total of \$625,000. This grant will fund

a coalition coordinator, evaluation, prevention efforts and outreach. After the initial five years, there is the potential for another five years of funding.

HHS: ACF Maternal, Infant, Child Home Visiting Program \$261,000/yr for five years>>>

This grant will establish a child home visitation program for the Tribe. Funds will cover the cost of .82 FTE of a Community Health Nurse, and a full-time Family Outreach Specialist to enhance the Family Preservation Program.

Thanks to Foundation and Tribal Program staff who logged many hours to make these grant applications so successful!



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TAKING BACK THE REZ

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and the aspects of addiction we see in users. Touching personal stories were shared by Tribal members and helped instill our message of prevention and treatment for our people.

The highlight of the night for many was the healing circle to end the night. The entire audience formed a circle and sang the Chief Dan George Prayer song and the Klallam Happiness song to heal and support each other. It was a truly touching moment as Chairman Sullivan and Chi-e-chee co-chair, Dennis Jones personally shook the hands of all, thanking them for coming.

The message that Chi-e-chee wants to send to our community is that we CAN begin to fight back against drug dealing and substance use. We are a strong community that can pull together in times of need like no other place can. We are all touched by drug and alcohol abuse and all have a vested interest to stop it and find healing. By coming together we can build support for our people in recovery and protect our young people to be able to avoid addiction in their lives and the lives of their children.

If you missed the event and would like to learn more about heroin and prescription drugs, please join us for a film and question and answer session on January 20th at 6:00pm in the House of Knowledge. If you would like to participate in Chi-e-chee please contact Kelly Baze at 633-0113 or come to a meeting at the Tribal Kitchen on the 2nd Wed of every month at noon.



Meet our New Tribal CFO



Congratulations to Betty DeCoteau who was recently promoted to the position of Chief Financial Officer for the Tribe. This is a new position and has financial oversight of all tribal entities.

Betty will work under the authority of the CEO and report to Tribal Council on a regular basis. She received her Master's Degree in Science of Accountancy in 2009.

VITA PROGRAM

FREE Tax Preparation

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When:

January 18 – April 18, 2011

Mondays & Tuesday

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

No appointment necessary

IRS certified volunteers can:

- ❖ Help you with special credits
- ❖ **FREE** electronic filing & Direct Deposits
- ❖ Receive your refund in as little as 10 days

Where:

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

Elders Center

31912 Little Boston Road

Kingston WA 98346

What to Bring:

Social Security Card for each person on tax return

Photo Identification

All 2010 documents

Copy of last years return

If you have questions call: Sandra Starnes 297-9667

Around the Reservation . . .

Tribal Nations Conference

Our Chairman, Jeromy Sullivan, was among hundreds of other Tribal leaders from across the nation in Washington DC on Thursday, December 16th, attending the second annual White House Tribal Nations Conference.

During the President's address to tribal leaders, he talked about strengthening tribal economies, improving their schools and focusing on health care issues within these communities.



Happy 48th Birthday Tracy

We all want to wish our good friend Tracy Seacord a Happy belated Birthday. Tracy turned 48 last month on December 26th.

Happy New Year – 2011

We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day.— Edith Lovejoy Pierce

News & Updates

Scholarship>>>

American Indian Endowed Scholarship.

The application needs to be **mailed by February 1, 2011**, you can get the application online at www.hecb.wa.gov/paying/waaidprgm/aies.asp. You can mail the application to:

Higher Education Coordinating Board

Student Financial Assistance Division

917 Lakeridge Way SW
P.O. Box 43430
Olympia, WA 98504-3430

General Council Meeting>>>

Saturday, January 22, 2011

Tribal Gymnasium

Lunch served at 12:00 p.m.
Call to Order at 1:00 p.m.

- 4 Cash Drawings
- 3 Gift Drawings

Childcare provided

Winter Safety>>>

The last major power outage in Kitsap County reminds us that there are house/apartment fires that you can prevent. Take care, be

aware, and make your home fire-safe this winter season.

For more information on safety and preparedness, please go to www.kitsapdem.org

Newsletter submissions>>>

If you are interested in

submitting an article in *The S'Klallam View*, please contact **Sharon Purser** at: sharonp@pgst.nsn.us or call: **360-297-2646**

Please contact her for deadlines, and submission requirements.

Thank you.

Informational Movie Night

THURSDAY
JANUARY 20th
6-7:30
in Longhouse

Popcorn and drinks provided

Heroin: The Next Generation

Video discusses the use of heroin and prescription drugs. Personal stories from teen and adult users and parents about dangers and signs of use, withdrawal and recovery.

Sponsored by Chi-e-chee.
For questions contact Kelly Baze 633-0113